

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 *1/27* 1. A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an
 2 internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user
 3 finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:
 4 providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of
 5 items drawn from said plurality of vendors;
 6 receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;
 7 mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;
 8 filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of
 9 vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and
 10 submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is
 2 indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of
 2 items for purchase further comprises:
 3 searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a
 4 set of user specified criterion; and
 5 displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of
 6 user specified criterion.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
 2 passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user
 3 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
 2 tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors
 3 in response to the submitting step.
- 1 6. A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an
 2 internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user
 3 finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:

4 providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of
 5 items drawn from said plurality of vendors;
 6 receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;
 7 mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;
 8 filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of
 9 vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information;
 10 passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user
 11 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step;
 12 submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors; and
 13 tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors
 14 in response to the submitting step.

1 7. A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of nodes, wherein a
 2 user may make a plurality of transactions with said plurality of nodes, comprising the
 3 steps:

4 providing to the user a plurality of transactions from which to choose, said
 5 plurality of transactions drawn from said plurality of nodes;
 6 receiving from said user a selection from said plurality of transactions;
 7 mapping said selection of to a selected set of said plurality of nodes;
 8 filling forms corresponding to each of said selected set of nodes selected
 9 by the user; and
 10 submitting said forms to said corresponding nodes.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an internet.

1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an intranet.

1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an Internet.

1 11. A system for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an
 2 internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user
 3 finds independent of the vendors, comprising:
 4 at least one client, in conversation with at least one server in order to
 5 effect:

6 providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of
7 items drawn from said plurality of vendors;
8 receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;
9 mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;
10 filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of
11 vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and
12 submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1 12. The system of claim 11 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is
2 indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1 13. The system of claim 11 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of
2 items for purchase further comprises:
3 searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a
4 set of user specified criterion; and
5 displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of
6 user specified criterion.

1 14. The system of claim 11 wherein said server and said client are further
2 disposed to:
3 passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user
4 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1 15. The system of claim 11 said server and said client are further disposed to:
2 tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors
3 in response to the submitting step.

1 16. A computer programming product for effecting transactions across a
2 plurality of vendors in an internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a
3 plurality of items the user finds independent of the vendors, comprising:
4 a computer readable storage medium;
5 code for providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said
6 plurality of items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

7 code for receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;
8 code for mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of
9 vendors;

10 code for filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected
11 set of vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and
12 code for submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1 17. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said selection of
2 goods to purchase is indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1 18. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said providing to
2 the user a plurality of items for purchase further comprises:

3 code for searching said internet environment for said plurality of items
4 matching a set of user specified criterion; and
5 code for displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said
6 set of user specified criterion.

1 19. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein further
2 comprising:

3 code for passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein
4 the user can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1 20. The computer programming product of claim 16 further comprising:
2 code for tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding
3 vendors in response to the submitting step.

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